A Brief RELATION OF THE Present State OF TANGIER,

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Has Obteyned against

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HIS *Excellence*, the Earle of *Tiveot* Arrived here ſafe upon *Jan.* the 14*th.* (being *eight* dayes before the expiration of the *Truce* with *Gayland*) where he found that the *Deputy Governour* had obtained a continuance of the *Truce* for *Two Moneths* longer, according to the *Tenour* of the former *Articles*; which *Gayland* aſſured him was done in Civility and Reſpect to his *Excellence* : for which his *Excellence* ſent *Gayland* Thanks, Notifying withall, that it was not in his Power to continue the *Truce*, unleſſe permitted to Fortifie the Town : having expreſſe Orders from the King his *Maſter* for ſo doing : But however, that in Honour to Colonel *Fitz Gerrards Treatie*, and to ſhew his Thankfulneſſe to *Gayland*, he was Content to ſtick to every point of the *Truce* which was for *Gaylands* Advantage; And yet upon the mayn he was enforced to break immediately. Whereupon *Gayland* aſked Fifteen Dayes to Conſult with his *Grandees*, allowing that in the mean time his *Excellence* might *Fortifie* the Places *next the Town*, which was done accordingly. The prefixed time being Expired, *Gayland* ſent the *Sheck* of *Angera* Son, to have a Conference with his *Excellence*, wherein he made appear that the *Mahometan* Law, prohibited them to ſuffer the *Chriſtians* to build any *Fortifications* in *Affrica* : But that they were contented to

make a *War*, and to give good *Quarter*; whereupon his *Excellence* Replyed, that *The Sword should decyde, whether the* Mahometan Law, *or his* Masters Orders *were of Greater Force.* That he would neither take, *nor* give Quarter; withall, that *he was* Gaylands *Humble Servant*, desiring them to send immediately, for the *Powder* that was Stipulated for by the *Deputy Governour.*

Next day, was the Foundation laid of a *Horn-work Strong* in the *Walls*; being *Canon-proof*; strong in the *Situation*, being on the *Castle-Hill*, every way Advantageous, and Important, because it covereth the *Castle*, Enceth above 600. *Akers* of Ground; discovereth the Enemie at a great distance; and maketh the place Comfortable: Securing the whole Hill for our *Walke*, and *Use*. (being, 600. yards from the *Castle*) Our other *Lines* and *Trenches* were in a few dayes brought to that Perfection, that the Enemie durst not Attaque us. The great Advantage hereof we have Experienced in severall Disputes with the *Moores*, who on the Last of *Feb.* betwixt 11. and 12. appeared with their whole *Army*, and took up their *Posts*; The greatest Forces coming upon the *West part*, towards the *Sea*; where they continued Pelting for some hours till they were forced off, with considerable losse, and not one of our Men *Killed*, or *Wounded.*

The very next day following, and about the same hour, they came on again, but with greater Number, and Courage; and took up their *Posts* as before; pressing towards the *New Fort*, which was then a *Half-Bastion*; (built while *Gayland* and his Armie,

Consisting of about, 8000. Men, look't on) and for a long time continued Shooting, yet killed us but *One* Man. Their *Maine Body* stood upon a Hill, hard by us; whence they continually sent *Reliefe*: But at last, His *Excellence*, taking a fitt opportunity, Ordred a Party of Horse, (Commanded by Captain *Witham*,) to Sally out, and bring in their *Red Standard*, which was Pitched neer our Works: This succeeded according to Wish, for the *Horse* brought off the *Standard*, *Killed* the *Bearer*, with many more, and put the Rest to *Flight*, without Suffering any Damage at all. Instantly, His *Excellence* Commanded the *Standard* to be *Displayed*, upon that part of the *Fort* that was *Built*: which being seen by the Enemie, they drew off in trouble, concluding the losse of their *Standard* to be *Ominous*, the like not having been done before. Since this hapened, they have not appeared in such great Bodyes as formerly, coming now only in Loose Parties, and Working by *Ambuscades*; wherof the most considrable, were those of the 13th. and 27th. of *March*, the former was very strong, consisting of choyce Men, and the *Chief Leaders*; which on the suddain Encountered our Horse, and great Courage was Expressed on both sides. We lost *One* man, and *Two* wounded; but very many of the *Moores* were Killed and Wounded, and the Rest compelled to Retreat. The *Second*, (*March*, 27th.) (being *Sunday morning*) was a strong *Ambush*, both of *Horse and Foot*, Planted near Us; But after a Short, and Hott Dispute, the *Moores* ran; *Our Horse* fell in among Them, and Slew several, and had done a farr greater Execution, but for the

Rocks and diſadvantages of the Ground. Here we had onely *One* Man ſhot through the Hand, while many of the Enemie were *Killed*: *Two* of their dead, His *Excellence* Commanded to be brought off by our men, whereof one by ſeveral things found about him, appeared to be a Perſon of Quality. That which makes this Action more Remarkable, was the Signal *Humanity* which his *Excellence* expreſt towards the *Dead Bodies*; for after *Divine Service* Celebrated, (it being *Sunday*) and *Sermon* ended in the *Camp*; His *Excellence* Commanded them to be waſhed, while himſelf ſtood by; and *Two Bieres* to be made, and the Dead to be Shrowded in white Linnen, and laid thereon, and ſtrewed with Flowers with all prudentiall decency: appointing afterward a *White Flagg* to be carried before the Bodies, after which, Marcht his *Excellence* on *Horſe-back*, all the Troops attending in *Squadrons*, with Excellent Order and Modeſty; and thus they paſſed to the utmoſt of the Bounds aſſigned us in time of Peace; where the *Moores* met the *Bodies* with a *White Flagg*, and received them with great Expreſſions of Satisfaction; taking off their *Caps* and *Shaſhes* from their Heads, (a Ceremony not uſed in their Adorations,) in token of their Reſpect and Gratitude to his *Excellence*; much amazed at this unexpected Civility; (which upbraided their former Barbarous behaviour towards thoſe of ours, which have at any time fallen into their hands.) This was done with ſatisfaction to both ſides, and without the leaſt appearance of Enmity, or ill will: and further to confirm their opini-

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on of his *Excellencies Honour* and *Goodneſſe*. This *Truce* was continued till they ſought and carried off their Dead Men.

Frequent Alarmes we have had; notwithſtanding which, his *Excellence* has not at all omitted to proſecute the Fortifications; and it is a great Comfort to ſee how Chearfully, from the Higheſt to the Loweſt, every man here puts his hands to the Work, in gathering, and bearing Stones, and aſſiſting in all ſorts of Labour, and Hazzard, toward the perfecting thereof; out of a Generous and Loyal Emulation, to Imitate his *Excellence*; who *Works*, *Eates*, and *Lodges* in the *Field*, and has ſcarce been in Bed ſince the Expiration of the *Truce*. It is not to be Expreſſed with what Zeal, and Alacrity every man here does his Duty, under ſo Exemplary a Governour.

Neither are the *Moores* themſelves leſſe Moved, with the Frank and open Candour of his Behaviour, then they are Amazed at the Irreſiſtible Courſe of his Succeſſe: To ſee him carry on his *Fortifications* and beat them too, at the ſame time; making it, but the one half of his Buſineſſe to over-throw them; Even when *Gayland* was with his whole Army in the Field, to take away their *Standard* from before their Eyes! To Kill many of their Valianteſt Leaders, and Rout them upon all Encounters; and laſt of all, to Conquer them by *Humanity*, as well as by *Force*. Briefly, the Miracles, which his Lordſhip has done, have given theſe *Barbarians* a ſtrange Superſtition concerning him; Some ſuppoſing him to Act by the *Devil*; or however perſwading themſelves,

ſelves, that aſſuredly he is more then *Man*: Others have taken up a report, that he has made *Flying ships*, and Great Guns to *run alone*, that he never ſleeps but leaning againſt ſome part of the Works; and that having ſcaped ſo many Dangers, and for his whole Life been ſo Fortunate in Armes, it is in vaine to Reſiſt, and Impoſſible to Worſt him: And one thing more there is, that keeps them at a Diſtance, which is, their opinion, that the *Approaches* to this Place are all *Mined*, and that they cannot any where make an *Attaque*, without danger of being *Blown up*.

Poſt-Script.

I have juſt now Received News of a Piece of Mooriſh *Valour, which ſayes, that an Ambuſcade of ſome Hundreds of brave Horſe, being Lodged to watch for ſome of our Scouts; miſſing of their Ayme, fell upon a Couple of our Dogs, as they were ranging their wonted Rounds, cut them off, and ſo Retreated to their Body.*

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